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THE GREAT AIR RACE

AERO CLUB'S REPLY TO FRANCE & ITALY.

CANNOT DEFER

BRITAIN'S LONE FLIGHT.

London, Yesterday. The Aero Club, replying to France and Italy, states that postponement of the race for the Schneider Trophy is impossible. Hence Britain will win the outright by flying over the course on September 12 when she will aim at creating a new record.—Reuters.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Royal Air Club this morning received an official notification from the Aero Club of Italy and the Aero Club of France that, unless the British Club was prepared to grant a postponement of the Schneider Trophy race for at least six months both countries must definitely withdraw from the contest. The reason given by both countries were bad weather, bad luck, loss of pilot and loss of aircraft.

The matter was considered by the Royal Aero Club at a meeting this afternoon and subsequently it was announced that the Club had sent letters to the Aero Club of Italy and France informing them that the rules of the contest would not allow of postponement and that the Committee had no option but to refuse the request. The news of the withdrawal by the Italians and French has been received with the keenest regret by the British Team at Calshot which, of course, has had to face and overcome severe disappointments and misfortunes due to adverse weather and loss of personal and material just as the Italian and French teams have done.

As the race must be held British pilots will fly round the course on September 12 and will, it is certain, set up a new record. This, following her two previous victories at Venice in 1927 and at Southampton in 1929, will give Britain the right to retain the Schneider Trophy permanently.

Thereafter an attempt will probably be made on the world speed record set up after the last race by Squadron Leader Orlebar.

In Aeronautical circles satisfaction is expressed at the ability of the British Aircraft Industry, in spite of the lateness of the British decision to participate in the race, to produce new "Wonderplanes," as high speed pilots have christened them, reports on the performances of which have no doubt convinced the Italians and French that it would be useless to enter the machines at present available for their teams.

One of those, a Vickers Supermarine Rolls Royce Seaplane, has already, in the course of training flights, reached a speed of 405 miles an hour. This may be compared with the speed at which the last Schneider Race was won, by Flying Officer Waghorn—328 miles an hour.

It is believed at Calshot that aero-engine experts in every country will be astonished when the statistics of the performance of the new Rolls-Royce racing motors, fitted to these planes, can be published. The engines fitted to the 1929 planes developed 1,900 horse power continuously through the race though totalled below maximum power. This year the power of the unit has been considerably increased.—British Wireless Service.

It is now being gradually recognised that good manners and good business have a lot to do with each other.—Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis.

SHARE MARKET FEATURES.

Steady Undertone at Opening To-day.

BANKS IN DEMAND.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

There was a steady undertone in the market this morning. China Light continued to ease off. Trams and Electrics maintained their rise and Hotels (old) were quiet.

Banks were in demand at \$2.30.

Unions were also in request at yesterday's rate—\$557½—after sales at quotation.

Underwriters were wanted at \$6, after sales having been effected at \$6.20.

Wharves were enquired for at \$164.

Providents (old) were again wanted at \$6.55, after sales being put through at \$6.65. The new shares were again in request at \$3.15.

Hotels (old) were wanted at \$17, as were the old shares at \$16.60, with sellers asking \$17.

H.K. Lands, after changing hands at \$91½, were in demand at \$91½.

Humphreys Estates, old and new, remained stationary at yesterday's buying rates.

Realties were done at \$17.90, but at the close there were buyers at \$17.60.

Ewos came in for some support at \$15, but sellers wanted \$15.30 and nothing transpired at this rate.

Text of Judgment.

His Lordship's judgment was as follows:

The facts in this case being agreed there is no need for me to detail upon them, except to emphasise three points not appearing in the statement of facts:

(1) It is admitted that the cases of glass, the subject matter of this action, were in fact stolen from the plaintiff's godown.

(2) I find it proved on the evidence given before the Magistrate that plaintiff's godown keeper was guilty of carelessness in accepting a delivery order which he ought to have realised to be a forgery.

(3) It is admitted that the said glass had been seized by the Police, under a search warrant, and removed from the control of the defendants before they received any demand from the plaintiffs to deliver it up.

On the strength of this last fact, Mr. d'Almada argues, and I think quite rightly, that defendants cannot be held liable in conversion. It follows in my opinion that even if I hold that they must hand over the glass to plaintiffs, they should not be mulcted in damages for delinquent.

Constructions (cum rights) were quoted \$13.75 nominal, and the new shares had buyers at \$1.

WINDFALL FOR CHARITIES.

Miss Amy Mary Bird, of Palmerine Avenue, Hove, left a considerable portion of her fortune of £210,099 (net personality £185,594) to charities.

Testatrix gave:

£750 and a perpetual annuity of £600 to the London Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine for Women (University of London), and the following perpetual annuities:

£500 Dr. Barnardo's Homes,

£300 each Royal Free Hospital,

Miss Agnes Weston's Homes, the

Surgical Aid Society, the Middlesex Hospital, Brompton Hospital for Consumption, and London Association in aid of Moravian Missions.

£200 each Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, Royal Society for Assistance of Discharged Prisoners, and Church of England Temperance Society.

£100 each Salvation Army, Church

Missionary Society, Cancer Hos-

pital for Women, and Charity

Organisation Society.

STOLEN GLASS TO BE RETURNED.

Innocent Third Party The Sufferer.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEE.

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Lindsell gave judgment for plaintiffs, with costs, in the case in which Lee Yu-cheung, trading under the firm name of Lee Yu Kee, at 24c, Des Voeux Road, Central, sued the Sun Hing Glass Shop, of Battery Street, Yau Ma Tei, in respect of wrongful conversion of 100 cases of glass, the property of plaintiffs. An order was accordingly made for the return of the glass.

At a previous hearing the facts had been agreed upon; in that it was admitted that the goods had been obtained by larceny, and sold to plaintiffs. Police court proceedings were taken after the discovery, and one man, plaintiff's office employee, who wrongfully obtained possession of the delivery order for the goods, was convicted of conspiracy.

Conversion and Estoppel.

In Morrison v. Buchanan (suprs) plaintiffs were the drawers of a bill of exchange, the existence and nature of which, and the means by which it might be stolen was revealed to a dishonest third party by the negligence of one of the plaintiffs' employees. The acceptor having parted with the bill to that third party was held not liable in conversion on the ground of plaintiff's own negligence, inasmuch as thereby they had held out the third party as authorised to receive the bill and hence had induced defendants to hand it over to him.

Hence it seems clear that to defeat plaintiffs' title in such a case must have been some form of representation on their part to the defendants on account of which the latter have been induced to treat the goods as their own or to deal with them in some way incompatible with plaintiffs' rights.

Present Case Different.

In the present case there was no such representation. Defendants had contracted to buy the goods some days before delivery. They appear to have trusted the middleman Wong On but it cannot be argued that defendants in any way held out the latter as having authority to dispose of their goods, or that the negligence of the godown keeper in any way contributed to the carrying through of the sale contract, although it may have made the actual delivery of the goods possible.

Victim of Storm Washed Up.

The body of a woman, aged about 25 years, was found by the Police on the foreshore at Cheung Sha Wan. She had apparently been drowned during the storm. Deceard is believed to be Wong Ang Mee, who was reported missing from a junk anchored in the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon shelter.

Derelict Junk.

It is also learned that the Police at Stanley Station observed a derelict junk drifting in a westerly direction.

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Woman Believed Drowned.

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When the craft were off the breakwater, the tow ropes of the cargo boats broke and they dropped back on the sampan and the three drifted together until the rope securing the sampan to one of the larger craft snapped under the strain. Two women managed to climb on to one of the junks.

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CHINA & MEXICO.

Expulsion of Chinese.

U.S. TO MEDIATE.

Washington, Yesterday. The State Department has advised the Chinese Legation that Government might be able to help to seek a solution of the controversy in connection with the expulsion of Chinese from Mexico.—Reuters American Service.

the defendants to accept the goods or to do something which has amounted to innocent conversion thereof.

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THE TYPHOON'S TOLL.

Many Lives Now Reported Lost.

THRILLING RESCUES.

Further light on the havoc wrought amongst junks by the typhoon, which passed near Hong Kong on Wednesday afternoon is revealed in Police reports this morning, and according to the reports, there were some thrilling rescues.

Rescued 8 Persons.

Wong Shue-hee, master of a fishing junk, relates that he was sailing off Tam Kong Tau, which is east of the Colony between Stanley and Saikung, when he heard cries of "Save life." He observed a junk wrecked and sunk. He rescued eight persons and was informed that nobody was drowned. The incident occurred at 1.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

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Victim of Storm Washed Up.

The body of a woman, aged about

ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"DERELICT."

The entertainment now being offered and provided at the King's Theatre is decidedly good, and the programme well balanced. The Talkatoon is highly amusing. Don't miss it!

The feature film, "Derelict," will give you many thrills and, incidentally, enable landlubbers to appreciate what a typhoon out at sea on a small freighter means.

The first scenes are laid in Havana, where two mates, deadly rivals, with scores to settle with one another, meet.

Rivalry is fanned into envy when the one cuts the other out with a girl.

The loser comes back one on his rival by smuggling the girl aboard the ship of which his rival is the Captain (newly promoted) and on his first voyage in command) and he (the loser) the mate.

There is a collision at sea in dense fog which happened when the Captain was off the bridge enquiring into the case of the woman stowaway of whose presence he had just been informed.

On arrival in port he is relieved of his command, and the mate takes over.

A fight follows in which the discharged and disgraced Captain is laid out.

He finally signs on as mate on a banana freighter and is instrumental in saving his rival's ship in a terrific storm.

For his bravery and excellent seamanship he is re-instated Captain, and the lights flick off on the girl and the re-appointed Captain going ashore to be wed.

The thrills come in the great storm scenes, and these succeed in being very realistic.

"MEN CALL IT LOVE."

Adolphe Menjou, the screen's perfect lady killer lived up to his name in the picture "Men—Call it Love" which started its run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday. He co-starred with Leila Hyams with a well balanced supporting cast.

As usual Adolphe's special meat are married women, but in this case, instead of being the direct cause of the break between a loving married couple, Menjou was only an accessory to it, that green-eyed monster, jealousy, playing most of the havoc which all but wrecked the home.

What is more, Adolphe actually falls genuinely in love with the girl in the case. She turned him out of caprice, just to show hubby (Norman Foster) that she didn't care, and caprice also prompted her to ask for a divorce in order to marry Menjou.

However, Adolphe discovers the true lay of the land and showed for once that he is not all bad and is capable of making sacrifice for the sake of the happiness of his loved one. He decides to go out of the girl's life "until she really wanted him" and thus makes the way clear for a happy reunion between husband and wife.

"THE 13TH CHAIR."

The revelation of a murderer at a seance held in a darkened room, and in the most weird surroundings, is one of the sequences in M-G-M's talkie thriller "The Thirteenth Chair," starring Conrad Nagel and Leila Hyams, now being screened at the Star Theatre.

Based on a story written by Bayard Veiller, the film opens with a mysterious murder in Calcutta. The victim's friend is determined to unravel the guilty person, and he arranges for a spirit seance to take place in the residence of Sir Roscoe Crosby, the Governor.

Thirteen guests are seated in a circle, including the spirit medium (excellently played by Margaret Wycherly). When the lights are turned on, one of the party falls dead to the floor, having been stabbed in the back. The knife cannot be found anywhere in the room . . . !

The supporting cast includes Helene Millard, Holmes Herbert, Mary Forbes, Bela Lugosi (who figures in "Dracula") John David, Son, Charles Quadermaine, Moon Carroll and Cyril Chadwick, among others.

A Hearst Newsreel and an amusing Harry Langdon comedy are screened in addition.

From Other Sources.

"UP POPS THE DEVIL."

Love in Greenwich Village is the theme of "Up Pops the Devil," Paramount's latest comedy-romance adaptation of a Broadway hit of last season which comes to the Central Theatre to-day.

"Up Pops the Devil" gives an amusing and realistic insight into the life of the topsy-turvy people who live in the region of MacDougal Street.

Norman Foster is the young advertising writer who manages to keep the wolf away from the door of the apartment occupied by himself and his wife, Carole Lombard—on \$75 per week. But he can't seem to keep away the host of friends, casual acquaintances and just casuals, who burst in on them at all hours, in the quest of gin and din.

Foster is satisfied. He isn't earning enough money to keep up the pace. If he could only settle down and write that novel . . .

His wife finally persuades him to reverse places with her. He is to do the house-keeping and devote the remainder of the day to writing his novel; and she is to be the wage-earner, taking a job in the chorus.

But the plan is upset by the arrival of a pretty little Southern girl (Joyce Compton) who lives in an apartment upstairs. She puts a bombshell in the serenity of the domestic scene—although she is really innocent of any great malice.

Foster aggravates the situation by accusing his wife of devoting too much attention to Theodor von Elitz, the publisher who had promised to purchase the complete novel.

But the story works itself out to a happy finish after a number of intriguing situations.

Skeets Gallagher plays the role of Binye Hatfield, the wise-cracking friend of the family who gets Miss Lombard the job in the chorus of the revue he is staging at the big up-town movie house.

Stuart Erwin is one of the "casuals." Unknown by face or name, he appears at the apartment and makes himself at home—a typical gesture in "The Village."

Others who provide hilarious moments are Lillian Tashman, Edward J. Nugent, Eulalie Jensen and Sleep N. Eat, the negro comedian.

"KICK IN."

With the filming of "Kick In," which will show at the King's Theatre next, the startling Willard Mack stage play, Paramount picture executives declare they have produced the outstanding story of Clara Bow's sparkling screen career.

Dissimilar from all Bow starring vehicles of the past, "Kick In" presents the red-headed favourite in a sheer dramatic role. In no part is the story relieved by those touches of farce or comedy which have characterised Clara Bow's most famous productions, "No Limit," "Her Wedding Night," "It," and

other outstanding successes, according to B. Schulberg, managing director of Paramount's Hollywood production.

"Kick In" made under the direction of Hollywood's outstanding dramatic director, Richard Wallace, the man who directed Ruth Chatterton in "The Right to Love," is the deeply emotional story of a girl who fights the law, the temptations of lawlessness, the threats of the underworlds for an ex-convict Clara Bow portrays a character as terribly real as life itself.

Regis Toomey, the young stage star of "Alibi," who has been seen recently in George Bancroft's "Scandal Sheet," has the leading male role. Wynne Gibson, one of Paramount's bright new personalities who has already contributed outstanding performances in "The Gang Buster," "June Moon," and "Man of the World," is also in the cast, with Donald Crisp, Paul Hurst and Juliette Compton.

In "Kick In," every opportunity has been given Clara Bow to display the dramatic talents about which Hollywood's leading directors have been marvelling for years: She has both story and supporting cast, as the fighting, loving victim of circumstances who fights the law to keep her sweetheart. The story is filled with human, vital drama of emotions, according to Schulberg, "just the kind of role Clara needs to prove herself."

"OUTSIDE THE LAW."

The most intimate crook story ever filmed is the treat in store for the patrons of the Central Theatre with the showing of Universal's outstanding photoplay "Outside the Law," which is the next attraction of the theatre.

The story revolves around the robbery of a large metropolitan bank by a crafty crook and the complications resulting in his refusal to split fifty-fifty with a gang leader. The action moves swiftly and builds up to one of the most dramatic climaxes ever brought to the screen.

Universal has selected a superb cast to portray the characters in the story. Mary Nolan, ever a splendid emotional actress, is said to give her most finished performance in "Outside the Law" as the accomplice of the crook, Fingers, played by Owen Moore. Edward G. Robinson, as the gang leader, "Cobra" Collins, a distinctive underworld character, a Chinese-American, in his new film drama and Owen Moore is seen as Fingers, a bank robber as cunning as a rat.

The screen play has been adapted from the original story written by Tod Browning. He also directed the photoplay.

Although the plot deals principally with the professional activities of crooks, the emotional human side of the crook, and his accomplice and a jealous rival are well brought out in this absorbing drama.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for September, 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich are as follows:

	Sunrise	Sunset
September	a.m.	p.m.
4	6.07	6.38
5	6.07	6.38
6	6.07	6.37
7	6.07	6.35
8	6.08	6.34
9	6.08	6.33
10	6.08	6.32
11	6.08	6.31
12	6.08	6.30
13	6.09	6.29
14	6.09	6.28
15	6.10	6.28

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Derelict."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Men Call It Love."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Up Pops The Devil."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Noah's Ark."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The 13th Chair."

To-morrow—Prince's Theatre; Paul Pedroni and his Royal Zambesi Baboons.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Suez (Hakozaki Maru); 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Fres. Cleveland), 5 p.m.

Land Sales.

September 8—At P.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

September 9—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsals, 8.45 p.m.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 356 metres:

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.05-7.35 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestral—Mignon—Selection (Thomas), New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9308).

Song—Faust—Jewel Song (Gounod), Romeo and Juliet—Waltz Song (Gounod), Gertrude Johnson (Soprano) (9193).

Octet—The Bohemian Girl—Then You'll Remember Me (Balfe arr. Sear), Maritana—Scenes That Are Brightest (Wallace arr. Sear), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9107).

Song—Faust—Against the Power (Gounod), Harold Williams and B.B.C. Chorus.

Chorus—Faust—Soldiers' Chorus (Gounod) The B.B.C. Chorus (9143).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.35-8.25 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9500).

The Desert Song—Selection, Deboy Somers' Band (9200).

Rose Marie—Rose Marie, Derek Oldham (Tenor).

Rose Marie—Indian Love Call, Edith Day & Derek Oldham (9038).

Lady Be Good—Selection, The "1928" Orchestra (9106).

8.25-9.10 p.m.—Orchestral.

The Gipsy Baron—Overture (Johann Strauss).

Bruno Walter & Symphony Orchestra (L2552).

La Valse (Ravel), Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts du Conservatoire, Paris (L2245-6).

The Two Pigeons (Messenger), Band of Garde Republicaine de France (9637-8).

9.10-9.58 p.m.—Instrumental.

Piano Solo—Capriccio (Brahms), (a) Duet (Mendelssohn),

(Continued at foot of Column 1.)

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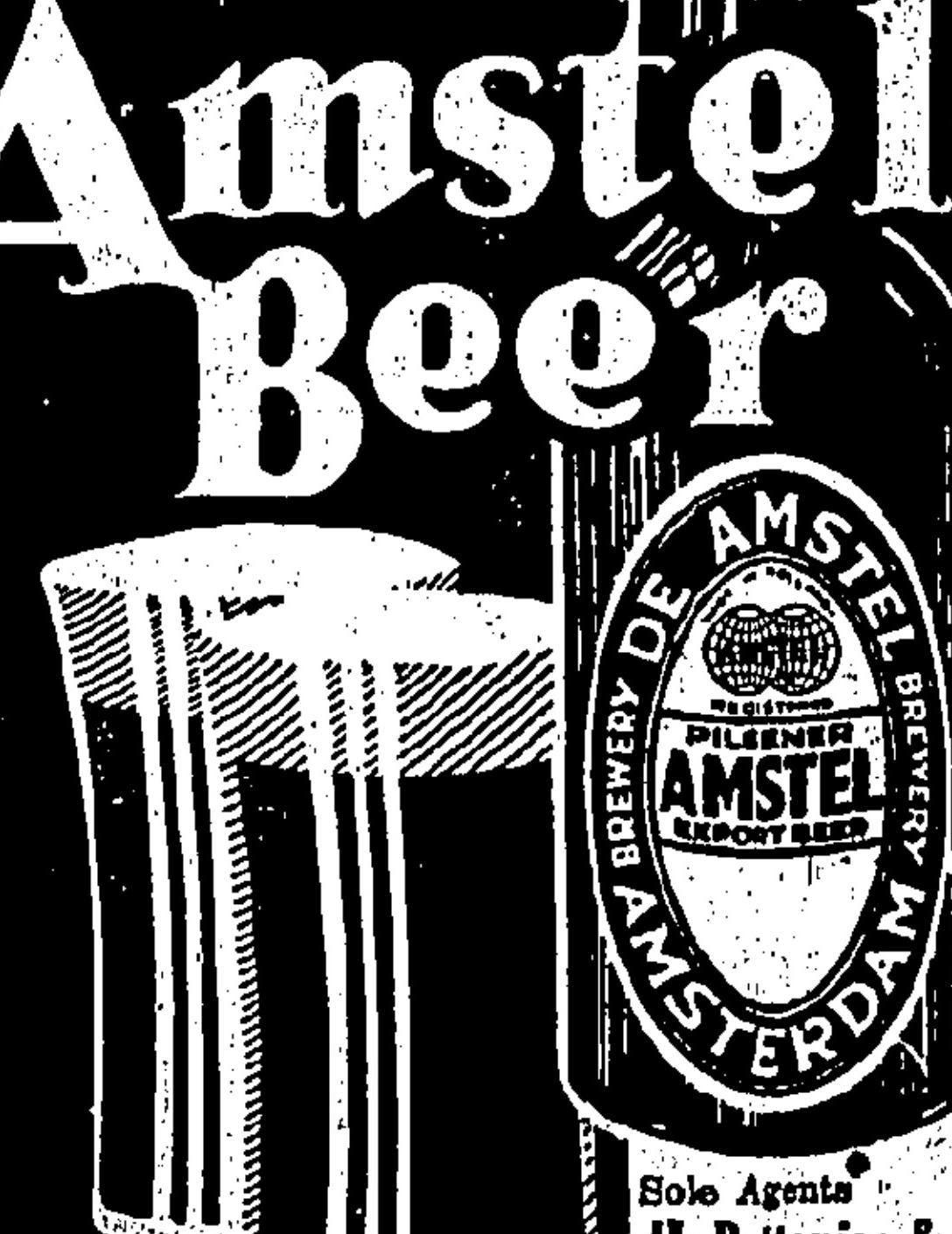
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

WHEN TOMMY ARMOUR CADDIED

Prestwick Veteran's Recollection.

By NIBLICK.

Golf enthusiasts in Edinburgh who have followed the fortunes of teams in the Dispatch Trophy tournament on the Braid Hills, will be interested to hear of a meeting I had at Prestwick with J. H. Andrew, one of the oldest and most notable figures on the Ayrshire links. When I first saw him he was standing on the edge of the last green watching two of the players in the qualifying stages holing out, and it seemed to be calling back memories to him for although he still follows every move in the game throughout the world his own golfing days are over.



Tommy Armour, who won the British Open and who was recently beaten by an eighteen-year-old school-boy.

"Johnnie" Andrew, a native of Prestwick, was resident in Edinburgh in his younger days, and having been brought up to the game naturally took a great interest in golf tournaments in the city. In 1898 he first took part in the Dispatch Trophy, playing for Ye Monks, a team who passed out of the tournament a good many years ago, and then he was a member of the Plewlands team who had their names engraved on the Trophy over thirty years ago.

The other members of the team according to "Johnnie" were J. Rankine, Sandy Armour, and B. Rankine, and he recalled how Plewlands reached the final in 1901, but were defeated by one hole.

"The Shooer Shot."

He had a great chuckle over that, and it was some time before he could tell me the reason of the merriment. Laughing heartily at the recollection he told me that the elder Rankine and he were nine up playing first couple, and the men behind were ten down so they went out by the odd hole. The result, it seems, created a great sensation at the Braids.

He was very anxious for news of the Braids clubs, and nodded reflectively when I mentioned that most of the old ones were still entering for the tournament although some that existed in his time were now defunct, writes Niblick in the Sports Dispatch.

Johnnie is a perfect walking golf almanac, and can recall any incident in championships on the Prestwick course at a moment's notice. He is very proud of Tommy Armour's achievements at Carnoustie this year, and vouches that in his Braids days he taught the Open Champion many of the tricks in the golfing trade. In one of his Dispatch Trophy years Armour acted as his caddie.

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THAMES DRAW WITH BRENTFORD.

Third Division South Result.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

London, Yesterday. The following is the result of the only League match played today in the Third Division (South):—

Thames 1 Brentford 1

—Reuter.

To-morrow's Matches.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham v. Arsenal
Chelsea v. Huddersfield T.
Derby C. v. Sheffield U.
Grimsby T. v. Newcastle U.
Leicester C. v. Manchester C.
Liverpool v. Aston Villa
Portsmouth v. Blackburn R.
Wednesday v. Bolton W.
Sunderland v. Everton
West Brom v. Blackpool
West Ham U. v. Middlesbrough

Division II.

Bradford C. v. Notts Cnty
Burnley v. Stoke C.
Bury v. Oldham Ath.
Chesterfield v. Charlton A.
Leeds Un. v. Barnsley
Manchester U. v. Swansea T.
Millwall v. Plymouth Ar.
Notts For. v. Wolves
Pori Vale v. Bristol C.
Preston N.E. v. Southampton
Tottenham H. v. Bradford

Division III. (South).

Bristol R. v. Crystal Pal.
Cardiff C. v. Reading
Clapton O. v. Mansfield T.
Coventry C. v. Thames
Exeter C. v. Brentford
Gillingham v. Fulham
Luton T. v. Southend U.
Norwich C. v. Northampton T.
Queen's P.R. v. Bournemouth
Swindon T. v. Brighton
Torquay Un. v. Watford

Division III. (North).

Accrington S. v. Doncaster R.
Carlisle Un. v. Crewe A.
Darlington v. Chester
Gateshead v. Barrow
Halifax T. v. Lincoln C.
Rotherham U. v. York C.
Stockport C. v. Southport
Tranmere R. v. New Brighton
Walsall v. Hull C.
Wigan B. v. Hartlepools U.
Wrexham v. Rochdale

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Dundee
Clyde v. Partick T.
Dundee Un. v. Cowdenbeath
Falkirk v. Airdrieonians
Hamilton A. v. Motherwell
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Leith Ath. v. Hearts
Morton v. Third Lanark
Queen's Park v. Ayr Un.
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Our Sports Diary.

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FOOTBALL — Tuesday — R.F.K.A. Council Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

AROAD.

CRICKET — To-day — Gentlemen of England v. New Zealand at Eastbourne.
Yorkshire v. M.C.C. at Scarborough.

To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday — An England XI. v. New Zealand at Folkestone.

Gentlemen v. Players at Scarborough.

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indicating with his arm a pick up and throw. "It's the only one that would talk ye oot o' that."

GUNNER FORRESTER AGAIN TRIUMPHS.

Wins Army Harbour Swim.

TWO YEARS RUNNING.

The number of entrants for the Army harbour swim yesterday was the largest for many years, 74 diving off the Kowloon Railway pier. All but two completed the distance to the Praya wall next to the V.R.C.

Forrester took the lead over the last quarter of a mile with Evans close behind him. The sea was not as calm as it might have been, otherwise Forrester would have considerably bettered his time of 31 mins. 6 secs. Evans put up a great fight and was only ten yards behind the winner at the finish. This is Forrester's second win in successive years.

The first four swimmers to finish were:

Gunner Forrester (R.A.) 1

Sapper Evans (R.E.) 2

Bdsm. Jamieson (A. & S.H.) 3

Pte. Campbell (S.W.B.) 4

Times: 31 mins. 6 secs, 31 mins.

15 secs., and 32 mins.

A team race was run in conjunction with the event and resulted in the various units finishing in the following order:

Royal Artillery 1
Argyll & S.H. 2
South Wales Borderers 3
Small Units 4

BOXING TITLE FIGHT FOR BROOKLYN.

CARNERA - SHARKEY

New York, August 10. Unless the Madison Square Garden Corporation again intervenes, Carnera and Sharkey will meet at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, on September 23, for the "world's championship." The fight will be over fifteen rounds.—Press Association Foreign Special.



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(By Betty Nuthall.)

The shots of Bill Tilden's, to which I referred in the last article, used to occupy a very small part of Bill's game, but he has cultivated them in later years in order to conserve his energy throughout long matches. He found the continual thump, thump of his cannon-ball service and drive was telling a tale, and this stiffer chop of his not only takes very little executing, but gives him a breather because it slows down his opponent's game.



William T. Tilden, probably the world's greatest tennis player.

But if you attempt to imitate him, do not forget that Tilden is one of the few players in the world who can control such shots as this to a few inches.

Although there were many good volleys when Vincent Richards used to visit Wimbledon, he stood out almost alone. While he could smash with the best of them, and would very often put a ball into the gallery, it was his placed volleys which gave him his fame.

Driving at him, once he was at the net, was like driving at a

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RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL.

Not to Be Played at Wembley.

A NORTHERN VENUE.

It is officially announced that the Rugby League Cup final will not be played at Wembley Stadium next season. In consequence of the usual procedure of playing the final on the first Saturday in May was not possible, and the Rugby League were left with two alternative dates—namely, April 9 or 16. The first of these dates was not suitable because of the England v. Scotland Association international match on that day and permission to play at the Stadium on April 16 could not be obtained owing to the F.A. Cup final being played on the following Saturday.

Therefore the Rugby League final will be decided in the North for the first time in four years, and the Council will arrange for the tie to take place on April 9, which will allow the whole of the touring team to travel by the same boat. The New Zealand Rugby League have invited the tourists to visit them at the conclusion of the Australian programme.

Increasing in number all over the country—I see there are still more again this year—no one can plead lack of opportunity of practically every stroke. There are people who say that sticking to that one stroke has cost her many a championship—but it seems to have won her a good many as well!

While I admire Cochet's half volley, which Tilden also mentions, that stroke always brings, of course, the Senorita de Alvarez to our mind. But I said pretty well all I had to say about that in my article on the half volley. I have consistently, throughout this series of articles, drawn my illustrations from the play of famous exponents of the game, because I know of no better way of learning it. It will be objected that but few people can get to Wimbledon during that glorious fortnight, but there is a lot of misapprehension about that.

Anyone who is keenly interested in the game, and is in London during that time, would be foolish not to try to pay it a visit. There are huge crowds there, it is true, and the majority of the centre court seats are booked up as early as January, but there are very few days, except those on which the finals are played, when one cannot see at least a large number of the stars, for ninety-five per cent of the play takes place on the outside courts.

Then again, with tournaments

TURKEY TO TAKE UP SOCCER.

Keen Desire to Be a Leading Country.

BRITISH COACH.

The latest addition to the army of British footballers who have coaching appointments abroad is Fred Pagnam, formerly Arsenal and Cardiff City centre-forward and more recently manager of Watford F.C. He left London recently to proceed to Istanbul where he will at once take up duties as instructor and lecturer to the Turkish Football Association.

The position was advertised in Britain, and Mr. Pagnam was chosen from a very large entry list. His duties will be to travel throughout Turkey, to instruct players and trainers, to raise the standard of football in the country, and eventually to build up a Turkish international team.

Interest in football has been growing rapidly in Turkey in recent years, and there has been a keen desire to secure a definite place among the football-playing countries of Europe. It is intended that Turkey shall enter the international field in the near future, and the appointment of a British professional coach is regarded in that country as a big step towards the realisation of that ambition. Among those who are thoroughly in touch with football in all parts of the Continent the Turkish appointment is regarded as an excellent one.

Fred Pagnam has had wide experience of League football both as player and manager, and he will take to his new post sound qualifications as well as the good wishes of a wide circle of friends in and around London and in his native Lancashire.

H.T.O. SMITH GAINS DISTINCTION.

"Hat Back" and All Ten Wickets.

H. T. O. Smith, the Essex fast bowler, playing for Hounslow against Honor Oak at Honor Oak, took all ten Honor Oak wickets for 23 runs. He took four wickets with four successive balls. Honor Oak, however, scored 119 runs against Hounslow's 96.

KING'S CUP AIRMAN KILLED.

Plane Crashes in Canada.

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

London, August 11. Mr. C. C. Webster, the Canadian aviator who was placed thirteenth in the recent King's Cup race around Britain, died yesterday in Montreal from injuries received in a crash at St. Hubert airport the previous day. According to Reuter he was using the same machine he used in the King's Cup race.

The position was advertised in Britain, and Mr. Webster was manœuvring with two other machines which were practising aerobatics in preparation for a pageant which is to take place in Montreal on Saturday. Losing speed in the middle of a difficult stunt, the machine plunged to the ground and was wrecked. Death was caused by unsuspected internal injuries, for at first it was believed that Mr. Webster had only broken his foot and fractured his wrist. He was to have attended a dinner last night given by young aviator friends in honour of his achievement in the King's Cup race.

Mr. Webster climbed from thirty-fourth to thirteenth place in last month's race. He made a wonderful fight against his formidable handicap, and was one of the 21 entrants to finish.

THE ST. LEGER CALL OVER.

Cameronian Favourite for Classic.

London, Yesterday. The following is the Victoria Club call-over for the St. Leger to be run on Wednesday, September 9:

6/5 Cameronian t and o.
7/2 Open t and o.
8/1 Sandwich o.
10/1 Goyescus o.
100/9 Salaam o.
100/6 Sir Andrew o.
20/1 Inglesant o., 25/1 t.
40/1 Suze o.

—Reuter.

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VICTORIA DIOCESE.

Suggestion for Assistant Bishop.

A three-days conference of the Victoria Diocesan Synod opened in St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday.

On account of indisposition, the Bishop of Victoria was unable to be present at the opening of the conference. His charge to the Synod was read in Chinese. In this his Lordship made an appeal for increased numbers of Chinese workers, and referred to the question of the appointment of an assistant Bishop, with the possibility of the proposal being supported by a petition to the House of Bishops.

Other chief points raised by the Bishop in his charge were the strengthening of man-power in the diocese, development of evangelistic and pastoral work, and the necessity for better finance and increased self-support.

General business which subsequently occupied the attention of the delegates to the conference included the election of various officials, and the receiving of the report of the Standing Committee of the Synod.

SIGNS OF RELIEF.

Ground Floors in Hankow.

Hankow, Yesterday. Hankow breathed a sigh of relief to-day when it was found that yesterday's heavy rainfall had not affected the steady drop in the flood level. The ground floors of many houses are now dry.

The refugee problem is still acute however, and matted villages are rapidly being erected at Wuchang and Hanyang, but there are still many destitutes without shelter. Strong efforts are being made to prevent the spread of disease, and Red Cross' sampans are touring the streets offering free inoculation against typhoid and cholera.

There is still a grave fear of an attack from Communists, and military spies are busy in refugee camps, as it is believed that "red" agents are very active in those camps.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered a division of National Guards, and the fourth division from Honan to assist in the garrison of Wuhan.—Reuter.

EXCITED SCENES.

Re-opening of Stock Exchange in Berlin.

Berlin, Yesterday. Excited scenes, with huge crowds thronging the streets, marked the opening of the Berlin Stock Exchange for the first time since the crisis.

Directors and staffs of banking institutions had a strenuous week and worked till the early hours of the morning, preparing for the opening.

The latest instruction from the Stock Exchange committee to members is to keep their nerves steady and not take notice of disquieting rumours, measures for countering the effects of which are in readiness.

A quiet bourse is expected owing to the lack of capital.—Reuter.

NAUTILUS.

No News for Four Days.

Oslo, Yesterday. The Norwegian coal ship *Ingerite* claims to have heard weak and unintelligible signals from the submarine *Nautilus*, according to a report from Spitsbergen.

In spite of this, anxiety is felt for the safety of the submarine, of which no news has been received for four days. The *Nautilus* is able to keep submerged for 96 hours.—Reuter.

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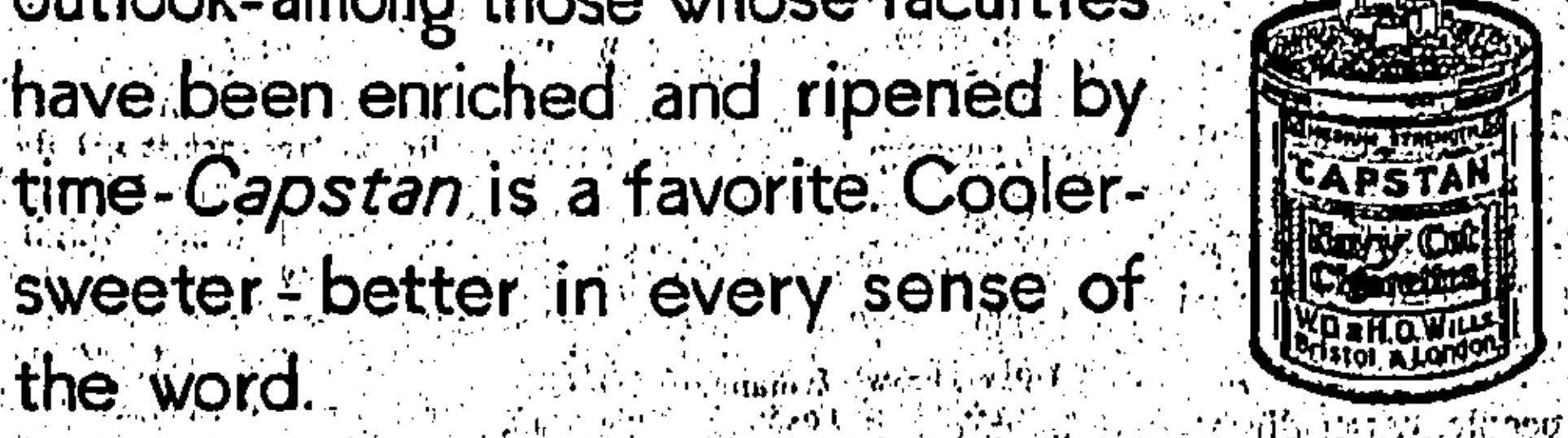
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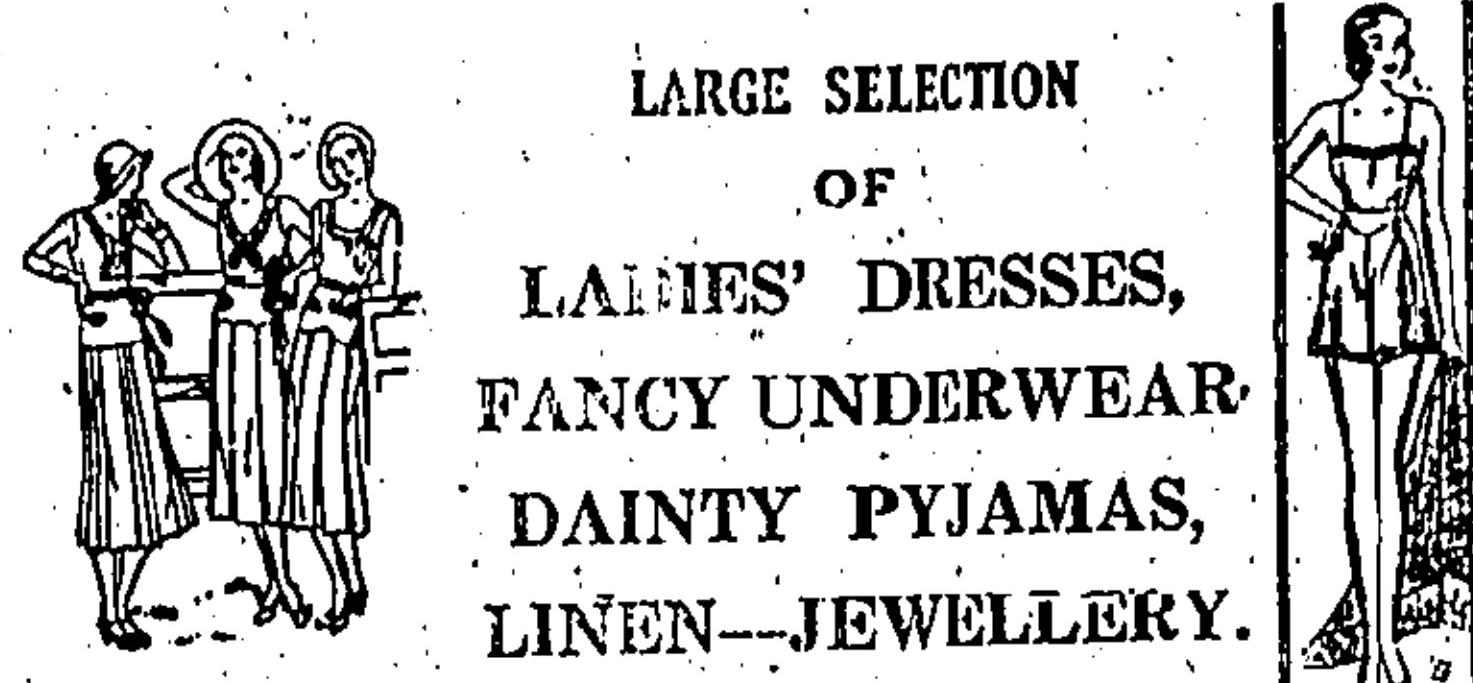
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MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, Sept. 4, 1931.

Clearing the Air.

The question of smoke abatement has always been a serious problem wherever modern factories have been gathered together in the world's industrial centres. But while it has absorbed a great deal of the attention of machinery users, engineers and scientists, and while "smoke consuming" appliances of many varieties have been used on boilers, furnaces and so on with more or less success, the problem of smoke elimination has never been actually solved up to now.

In fact, the huge difficulties in attaining that ideal condition have caused the matter, generally speaking, to be shelved and sometimes dropped altogether as impossible. The great difficulty does not lie in the mere creation of "smoke-consuming" plant but in the creation of such plant as may be applied without either reducing the efficiency of manufacturing or raising the cost of production beyond the commercial limit.

Many spasmodic and sometimes very expensive efforts have been made to dissipate the "smoke cloud" and is always associated with the big industrial centres, and strict and often very inconvenient local regulations have existed in some of them for decreasing the nuisance. Scientists and statisticians, backed by all the resources of the Sheffield University, have had the whole-hearted co-operation of the manufacturers in working out and testing this problem in Sheffield. Present and past methods have been closely examined, criticised and amended. Every accepted method of smoke reduction has been installed, every new invention for the purpose has been patiently tested and only thrown out when it failed to effect its object. The regulation of the temperature of furnaces and boilers and the steady feeding of fuels have played a great part in the reduction of the smoke volume. Then the careful application of electrical heating in place of coal and gas where possible has done much to improve matters. Final-

ly, by the skilful management of the different works very much can be and is done in systematising the manner of treatment and in timing those operations which in the past have been great and sudden smoke producers.

But the total elimination of smoke has not yet been effected in the big industrial centres, nor must it be expected until coal fuel becomes a thing of the past.

The marvellous achievements in smoke reduction, however, by Sheffield under the least favourable conditions in the world have drawn the attention and the visits of industrialists from every quarter of the globe to that great steel centre. And these applicants for advice are not all from the old established manufacturing cities who are already sufferers from the smoke evil. Many who are studying this question come from comparatively new cities where the rapid growth of local industries already foreshadows the possibility of the advent of the smoke curse.

Though complete elimination is not yet within measurable distance, it would seem that at last Sheffield has hit upon an invention which bids fair to bring it a step nearer to that ideal. This is a new furnace such as is used in rolling mills, which have been among the most prolific of Sheffield's smoke producing plants in the past.

This furnace is claimed to burn up all its own smoke, and

the inventor, who is chief engineer to one of the big steel works, has expended ten years of his life in working out and perfecting his designs. And now one of these marvellous furnaces has been working for some months at a big rolling mill under the watchful eyes of the inventor, the smoke authorities, engineers and health and other experts. The result seems to show an entire absence of smoke.

What this and other new inventions will mean to Sheffield and the rest of the world when their use becomes general cannot be estimated, but in any case they should be of infinite value to all who are fighting, or suffering from, the smoke nuisance.

Sheffield's difficulty was not merely due to the great volume of her steel production, but also to the infinite diversity of her steel manufactures. Each one of her industries is naturally a great smoke producer and to counteract this has been the unswerving purpose of Sheffield's highly efficient Smoke Abatement Research Committee.

The efforts of the smoke fighters in Sheffield have been so far successful that, although Sheffield's output to-day is much greater than it was in pre-War days, the density of her smoke cloud at present is far less than it ever was at that time.

Then again, Sheffield, by the nature and volume of her products, ought to be the smokiest place on earth, yet her atmosphere is far cleaner than that of many cities where the smoke problem is far less severe.

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Society has been the butt of the cynical and so-called humourist from time immemorial, and Society will continue to be ridiculed and criticised for long years yet to come.

Much of the ridicule and criticism is directly the outcome of envy. It may be likened to the yapping of a toy-dog at a Great Dane. On the other hand, there is much in and about Society, especially its undue tendency to artificiality, which deserves criticism and ridicule. But, since Society is in the balance, and piles up against it all its faults, all its abuses and shortcomings, yet will the balance weigh in favour of Society. A bold statement to make these days when so much is heard of the evils of class distinction and the necessity for equality.

A Stupendous Encyclopaedia.

The British Museum has lately been presented with three volumes from the Yung Li Ta-Tien, one third in 1886, famous Chinese encyclopaedia, and the final payment at the end of 1930, with interest at 4 per cent. The wheat is to be shipped in American steamers, a minimum of 50,000 tons a month, all the

freight and port charges to be

paid at the beginning of our account.

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finished, we are told, to over 12,000 hand-written volumes, of which at one time there existed three entire sets. Two of these were destroyed by the downfall of the Ming dynasty, but the third set survived, deplored by borrowers, in the Hainan College, Peking, until the Boxer Rising in 1900, when the college was burned. Less than 300 volumes were rescued from the flames, and of the many which were dispersed the Museum now possesses nine.

This tremendous work, which contained many drawings, was a dictionary, Orientalists tell us, no less than an encyclopaedia, for it contained all the characters in the Chinese language. The table of contents filled twenty volumes. The books received by the Museum measure 50 by 30 centimetres, and the binding is covered with yellow silk.

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The Music Teacher.
To fulfil the requirements of Sir Hugh Allen, Director of the Royal College of Music, the music teacher must needs be a person of immensely varied attainments. He must possess:

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The delicacy and quickness of a dragon fly.

The courage of a lion, and

The diplomacy of an archangel.

Sir Hugh's ideal of that perfection was quoted in an address given at the tenth summer course in music teaching at Oxford, by Mr. W. A. Clegg, assistant secretary to Plymouth Education Committee.

Capt. P. S. G. O'Donnell, Director of Music to the Royal Marines, had some advice to give to various instrumentalists.

"It is essential for a French horn player," he said, "to have a good ear. He really should be a singer, for if a man can sing a passage from sight he will pitch his notes on the French horn well, but otherwise he will get all muddled up."

Capt. O'Donnell urged trombonists not to go jazzing about on their instruments. "They often make a fearful sound in doing so instead of getting that beautiful crescendo singing tone which trombones can produce."

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News in Brief.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, has declared an interim dividend of 7 per cent. per annum, less Income-tax.

From the local office of the Dollar Line we have received a packet of matches, each box bearing an illustration of a Dollar liner.

It is learned at Nanking that the Sino-Soviet Conference at Moscow will resume its meetings on Sunday, September 6, says Reuter.

A man named Lo Po was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with unlawfully impersonating a police officer. After some evidence the case was adjourned.

Sir Cecil Clementi celebrated his 56th birthday on September 1. The Straits Echo says: "He is a remarkably fit man for his age seeing that he has served over thirty years in the East."

Charged with the manslaughter of a man named Li Fat in Nathan Road on August 4, a stoker named Chan Kam, employed by the Gas Works, was committed to the Assizes by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The case in which Kong Sze-yik and Leo Arthur D'A. Guimaraes who are charged in connection with the alleged \$7,000 fraud, the victim of which was Wong To-po, editor of the Taun Wan Yat Po, was continued before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon. Further evidence was given and the further hearing adjourned.

A Reuter message from Nanking states that the Government has approved the terms of purchase of 450,000 tons of wheat from America for relief of flood victims, the price to be the prevailing market price at the time of shipment, one third of the total to be paid at

the end of 1934, one third in 1936, and the final payment at the end of 1938, with interest at 4 per cent. The wheat is to be shipped in American steamers, a minimum of 50,000 tons a month, all the

freight and port charges to be

paid at the beginning of our account.

Final

Evidence as to who was responsible for the erection of the three shacks at Wongneichung, just below the site of the new Jockey Club stables, was given before Mr. Schofield, coroner and a jury yesterday afternoon, when the enquiry was resumed. Peter Pang, assistant manager of the Hong Sang contractor gave evidence and the further hearing was adjourned.

Three important dykes outside the West Gate at Nanking were washed away yesterday and thousands of refugees are now living on the top of the famous city walls. The level of the Yangtze is nine inches higher than that of the city. Emergency measures are being taken to prevent the flood waters from entering the capital. The situation is serious, cables Reuter.

LITERARY HISTORY OF FLEET STREET.

Records of St. Dunstan's.

The registers of St. Dunstan-in-the-West Fleet Street, dating back to Elizabeth's reign, have been restored. An exhibition of them was arranged by Sir Ernest Benn and the Rector of St. Dunstan's at Bowe House.

Entries in the registers give proof that Fleet Street has been for centuries the centre of writers, printers and publishers.

John Jaggard, the law printer, father of the Isaac Jaggard of the Shakespeare First Folio, was married in the church in 1597.

Isaac Walton's "Compleat Angler" was printed in St. Dunstan's Churchyard. Three of Walton's sons were baptised in the church.

The records of St. Dunstan's are adorned with names of famous men of letters. William Tyndale preached there, and Dr. John Donne had his name in the churchwarden's book.

BAN ON BROKERS!

An official notice over the signature of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector-General of Police, which appears elsewhere in this issue, states:

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A "BIG WORM."

"Look what a big worm I have found," said Phyllis Lowe, aged seven, who was playing in the garden of her house in Chilcott Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool, to her eleven-year-old brother John. But John, as a Boy Scout, had attended a lecture on snakes, and after instructing his sister to drop the "worm," which was three feet long, cut its head off with a spade.

The father of the children, Police Constable J. Lowe, has expressed the opinion, as a result of experience of snakes in India, that the snake in question is a venomous carpet snake, and that it may have escaped from a crate of fruit in a railway siding which is in the district.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 4, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8 1/8.

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Some opposition has been put forward this morning to the argument advanced in the Legislature that the rates here are trivial when compared with those at Home.

"It should be remembered," says a contemporary, that rents here are generally enormously greater than are demanded for similar accommodation at Home and consequently the rates based upon these rates are actually much higher than the percentage would suggest."

"A simple calculation will show how true that is. Say a house letting here for \$160 a month would let for \$50 a year at Home.

Hong Kong rate \$247, or say \$21 per month.

Home rate, say at 70 per cent.

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THE FOREIGNER'S ENGLISH.

Samples of Gallant Efforts.

A TRAVELLER'S "BAG."

Make all the disparaging remarks you like about foreigners' shops and hotels on the Continent, but you'll have to admit that they have real linguistic pluck, says a Manchester *Guardian* correspondent. They play a jolly good game of English Language Rugby, tackling bits of translation with a gallant flying leap which demands our respect and applause. In the course of travels in every country in Europe but two I have come across many a case in point.

Within an hour of Folkestone I found notices on the wall announcing "Our wines will leave you nothing to hope for" and "Rooms running Water." (As a matter of fact I easily survived the former, and the latter were quite weather-tight.) A long-suffering German hotel, which had apparently been reduced to a frame of mind bordering on despair by the state of its rugs after sundry uncouth Britons had returned from long walks, hung up a reminder that "

"Your feet the mat must wipe, or mud the carpet begets!"

A small hotel, up in the Alps, where the naive, pigtailed village maidens would forget their staff duties and peer through the doors ajar when splendid foreigners in evening togs (like novelletto villains) sat down to dine, felt itself constrained to display this plain-vite request:

"Strange gentlemen will to please not to dress for dinner, as this costume flatters the souls of the maid folk and no work is resulted. Humbly asked."

"Home of Pretentious Visitors."

A French garage advertisement assured the travelling British public that its "Terms are Very Interesting," and a local Dutch guide-book, in Rugger English, called attention to "A village renowned for the abandon of sausages that are fished here. That village finds herself seated in a territory which afford abandon, corns and every fruits." It was a Parisian jewellery shop which rather unfriendly declared that "All our stones are realistic ones," and a Paris barber who styled himself a "Wig-maker With Specialty of Ladies and Gentlemen." It was a boarding-house in a Czecho-Slovakian spa which haughtily introduced itself as "The Home of Pretentious Visitors."

A German inn, which apparently had had a bit of trouble with its customers some time or other, presented me with a somewhat testy and plaintive communication couched in these terms: "The hotel shall replace the home for travelling people. This demands a good many trifling main points requiring lots of money, work, and attention. The guests ought to observe that a hotel is not an institution of public culture, but a to be prescribed by the Board.

WAITRESSES IN COFFEE SHOPS.

After a discussion lasting nearly two hours, members of the Kuala Lumpur Sanitary Board recently decided with one dissentient that waitresses should be prohibited from serving in coffee-shops, eating-shops, and eating-stalls in the Sanitary Board area. The matter was last considered in January when it was decided to permit the continuance of women and girls serving in these establishments.

The subject was raised by the Protector of Chinese, who presented to the Board the case for the abolition of what he described as a form of exploitation of women, in the course of which he spoke of the temptations to which respectable girls employed in such places might be exposed because of the number of former known prostitutes who were engaged there.

Corroboration of the statements of the Protector of Chinese came from Mr. Lai Tet-loke, J.P., who said he spoke from personal investigations. He urged, however, that women should be permitted to work in coffee-shops if they were above an age-limit, such age-limit serving as the basis of the Board's decision.

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"Better Follow Her Example."

BANG AT BANKERS.

Mr. Bernard Shaw arrived in London in mail week accompanied by Lord and Lady Astor and Lord Lothian, after a tour in Russia. Before Mr. Shaw set out he told a reporter that it was an insane thing to do. Now he believes it is one of the wisest actions he has ever taken.

"Russia," he told a reporter in London, "is putting her house in order. All the other nations are playing the fool. I cannot speak to you in detail about the great experiment I have seen. What I have to say must be carefully thought out and written. I am making arrangements to do this.

Meanwhile, all I can add is this—we had better follow Russia's example as soon as possible." "Were you treated well on your visit?" Mr. Shaw was asked.

"Treated well" he repeated with chuckle. "We were treated like kings, and the food we had was very good.

"Is the cost of living high?" he was asked. "Well," he replied, "it's like everywhere else. You can live expensively in Russia if you want to, but you can also live quite cheaply. My last word, for the moment at any rate, is this—on the whole, I should advise a young man to go to Russia and settle there. Russia is putting her house in order, and we Western capitalistic nations have got to look out, because we are not doing so. It is a very serious thing.

It is all silly nonsense about Russia being a failure. Russia is going to be a roaring success."

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ing the scene, while his assistant was trying to induce Mr. Shaw to say a few words into the microphone. "G.B.S." refused at first, but when he was actually sitting in his car he took the gauze-covered apparatus in his hand and said into it:

"This is the first time that I have seen a thing like this. I am pleased to have seen it. Good morning."

All this scene outside the station greatly amused Mr. Shaw, indeed everything else, from the obliging policeman who recurred to the party to the whole crowd who stood in a close-packed mass obstructing the traffic until "G.B.S." drove off with a cheery smile.

THE CANNY MICE OF ABERDEEN.

Sir J. Arthur Thomson, the eminent biologist, exhibited rare good humour at a lecture on "Biology and Human Life" delivered recently at Oxford. He related stories of the intelligence of chimpanzees, and of the acquisitiveness (or knowledge) by Aberdeen Mice-Dinner-Bell Dash.

He said that consideration of conditioned reflexes led Sir Arthur to refer to an experiment made by Pavlov, the Russian physiologist.

Pavlov took a number of white mice, rang a bell, and gave them meal, and he stated that after 300 lessons it was enough to ring the bell to bring the mice dashing out of their dormitory to eat the meal that was not there.

The second generation of mice, Pavlov said, required only 100 lessons, and the third generation fifty, and so on.

"I was sceptical about this," said Sir Arthur, "and started similar experiments in Aberdeen. The first result was very interesting.

Whereas the Leningrad white mice required 300 lessons to associate the ringing of the bell with the food that was not there, the Aberdeen mice, as one might have expected, required only forty.

(Laughter.)

"But what about the second generation? They required exactly the same number of lessons.

The Aberdeen experiment was quite contradictory of that made by Pavlov, who said that he must have been deceived by an assistant, and publicly withdrew his views."

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Mr. Marshall has with him Mr. Paul Pedrini the great British foot-juggler who will appear with his troupe of Zambesi baboons. Mr. Pedrini will also exhibit a peculiar specimen of wombat (half wombat and half native bear) which is the only one of its kind ever seen in Hong Kong.

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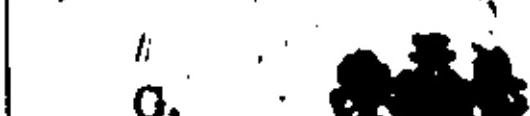
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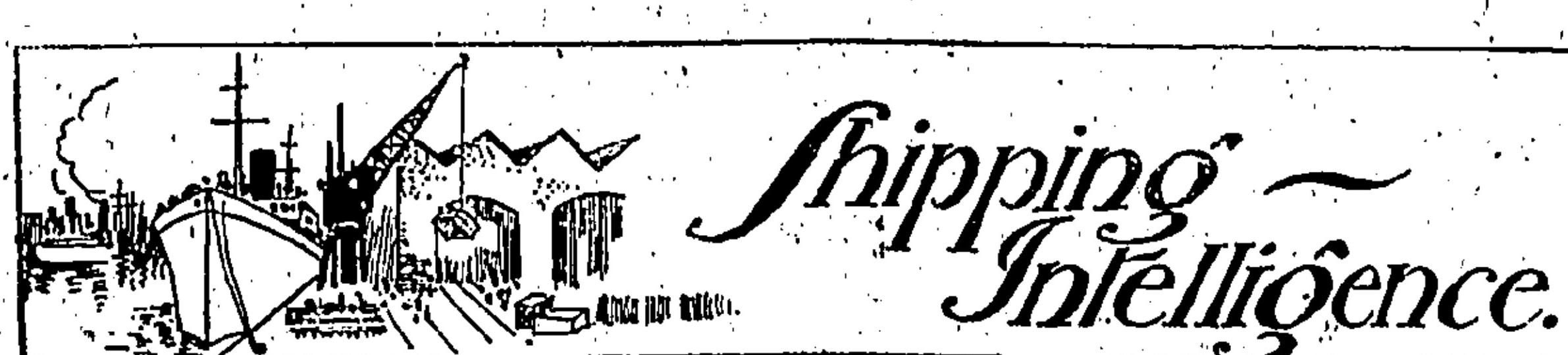
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Details for West, North and East Rivers.

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	Sept. Sept.
West River at Shihlung	17.3
North River at Samshui	9.2
East River at Tsinayuen	10.2
Sheklung	5.6
Shihlung	4.1
Tsinayuen	2.9
Samshui	27.3

The highest levels recorded are: Shihlung, 41 feet; Tsinayuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, September 1.
Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Capt. Lee, from Keeling, Yaumati Anchorage.—Chau Yee Teng.
Genom Maru, Japanese str., 4,894 tons, Capt. M. Mishima, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kuramasa Maru, Japanese str., 1,133 tons, Capt. Yandow, from Miike, Yaumati Anchorage.—

Mao Lee, Chinese str., 1,209 tons, Capt. Y. Watanabe, from Swatow, buoy No. C3—Yee Tai Hong.

Tjikembang, Dutch str., 5,028 tons, Capt. P. Abbo, from Muntok, buoy No. A11—J.C.J.L.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Unita, Norwegian str., 2,845 tons, Capt. T. Messel, from Chinawangtao, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dadwell & Co.

Wednesday, September 2.
Argun Maru, Japanese str., 4,040 tons, Capt. I. Kawasaki, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B18—M.M.

Danmark, Danish str., 5,372 tons, Capt. A. Raemussen, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—John Manners & Co.

Haining, British str., 832 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hector, British str., 6,841 tons, Capt. A. Ogden, from Keeling, buoy No. A2—B. & S.

Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Mikawa Maru, Japanese str., 1,820 tons, Captain Yamaguchi, from Newchwang, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Ryujin Maru, Japanese str., 901 tons, Capt. M. Kitano, from Keeling Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Trave, German str., 4,890 tons, Capt. Emil Tom Dieck, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Molchers & Co.

Van Heutsz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. H. J. G. Blits, from Singapore, buoy No. A12—J.C.J.L.

Thursday, September 3.

Buenos Aires Maru, Japanese str., 5,918 tons, Capt. T. Kamishi, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Chakang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAnish, from Canton, buoy No. B2—J. M. & Co.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,250 tons, Capt. Yamaji, from Tsingtao, buoy No. B8—Loong Tai Hong.

Kaitangata, British str., 1,202 tons, Capt. G. Wilkins, from Bangkok, buoy No. C2—Williamson & Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. H. Hodgkiss, from Amoy, buoy No. A10—B. & S.

Linan, British str., 1,856 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Amoy, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Margaret Dollar, American str., 4,351 tons, Capt. H. T. Payne, from Shanghai, buoy No. A9—A.M.L.

Meerkerk, Dutch str., 4,886 tons, Capt. Coerkemp, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,667 tons, Capt. K. Mineoka, from Canton, buoy No. C3—N.Y.K.

Touraine, Norwegian str., 3,691 tons, Captain J. Brun, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

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MANTUA	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
TAJSHIMIR	9,000	24th Oct.	M'ssilles, L'don, P'dam & A'werp.
BEURDWAN	6,500	31st Oct.	M'ssilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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*BURDWAN	6,500	12th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KASHMIR	9,000	25th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
TILAWA	10,000	25th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
VELLORE	7,000	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.	
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Railway Companies' Interest.

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way.

The white keystone painted on the black funnel was the mark of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and to begin with the whole idea was to keep the company in Philadelphia

in order to check the growing monopoly of New York in trans-Atlantic work. It was officially the International Navigation Company, and by the eighties it had been

found impossible to back Philadelphia to that extent against New York, and the headquarters of the concern were transferred to the latter port, special attention being paid to the Continental service via Antwerp. When Philadelphia

was dropped as a terminal, the keystone funnel was dropped as well and the familiar black funnel with a white band adopted, the regular funnel marking of the Inman Line, in which the International Company was already interested.

It is fully anticipated that

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cent of the total number of insured

workers in the industry—needless to say, a most unusual percentage.

THE HALF-YEAR IN SHIPBUILDING.

Lack of Inquiry for New Tonnage.

The turn of the half-year finds the shipbuilding industry in a sorry plight. Not only has there been no shadow of improvement of late, and it is not too much to say that, in relation to its present great productive capacity, the amount of work on hand has never been so small. The inquiry for new tonnage, comments the Financial Times, seems to have ceased entirely.

During the last six months the number of firms which have received no orders at all make up a percentage of 90.

Twenty-five yards have been closed down completely for want of orders, and many others are working on only one or two vessels, or are kept open for repair work.

Work, indeed, is only proceeding in less than 17 per cent. of the total number of building berths in the country.

This can be understood by the fact that less than a dozen vessels are building in the Clyde area, only three on the Tyne,

less than half a dozen all told, at Belfast, one at Birkenhead, two at Barrow, and a submarine and practically nothing on the Wear and Tees, including Hartlepool.

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Redundant Yards.

In their organised capacity, the shipbuilders are pursuing their programme of adjusting the needs of the times by reducing costs of production in every department and eliminating redundant yards. Some half-dozen yards in the North-East Coast area

are in negotiation with National

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purpose of being disposed of as unnecessary.

The adjustment of labour costs is in progress and will, it is hoped, be arranged by mutual agreement with the trade unions to take effect early in September. Difficulties

have been encountered in the

negotiations with the men, but not

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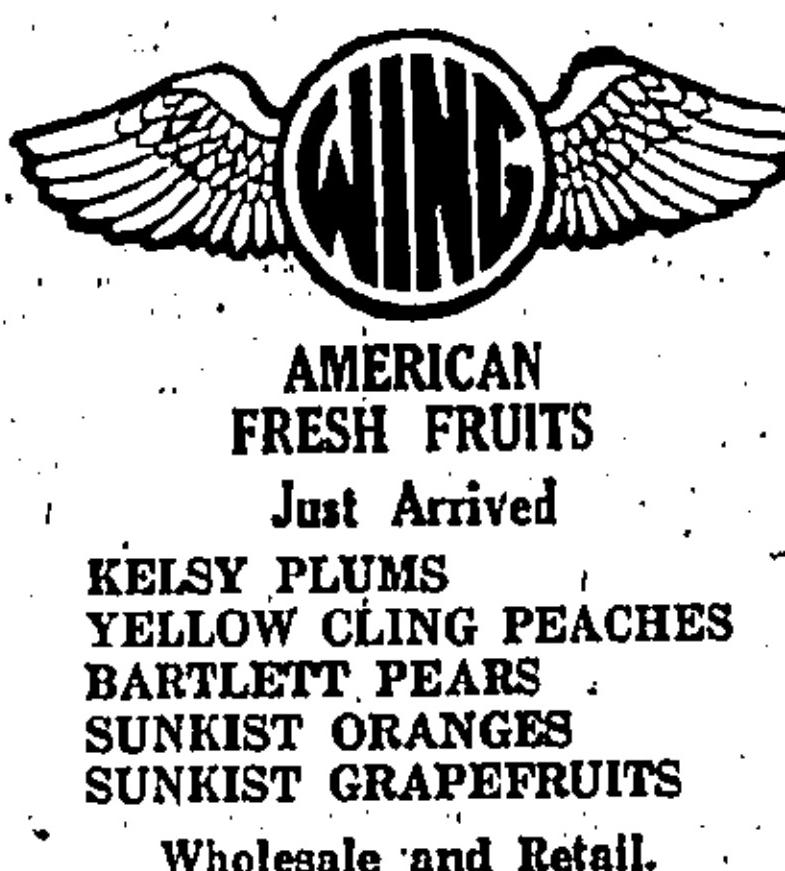
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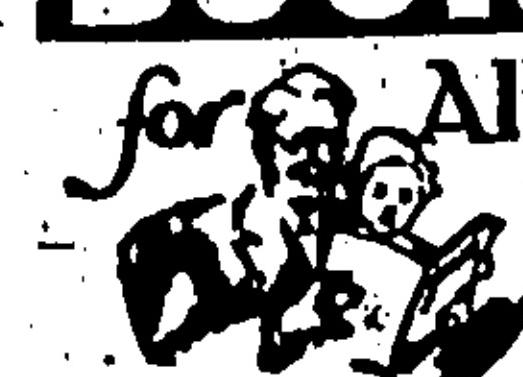
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A more than lavish Revue is now being revived at Central. It cost \$2,000,000 to produce. The Director, Murray Anderson, runs riot in a mélange of tremendous sets, dancing girls, and indifferent principals—with the exception of Whitman and Band—and attractive song numbers of John Boles. Many are of the opinion that it is the best Revue to date. I hope the audiences at the Central will justify its revival.

A magnificent picture for George Bancroft is "Derelict," and he is ably assisted by William (Stage) Boyd, and a newcomer Jessie Landis. The direction and acting make it one of the outstanding films. Miss Landis has had stage experience, but this is her first picture. The story deals with a continual fight between two merchant marine officers, and their final acknowledgment of friendship. It is serious and dramatic, and not to be missed. (King's).

A pleasantly trivial little comedy is "Up Pop the Devil." It is nicely mounted and well acted by Carole Lombard (who goes on improving), Norman Foster, Lillian Tashman, the two "Buddies," Siegels Gallagher and Stuart Erwin. We see the tribulations that beset a young author whose actress wife wishes to finance him while he writes a great novel. There is some entertaining discourse of matrimony as modern young people tackle it. Everyone helps by sprightly dialogue. (Central).

The first five-reeler of the two favourites, Laurel and Hardy, is bound to be a riot. It is a parody on prison life, with most amusing situations. Some critics state it is a howl from beginning to end. I do not say that, but I know you will be amused. The play has been named so often, but it reaches us now under the final title of "Pardon Us." (Queen's).

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I hear we are due for a Fox-Film Week, showing what grand stuff they turn out these days, and what a galaxy of "Stars" they hold under contract.

Charlie Chan Carries On" is definitely one of the better films. All the cast is good. "Seven Keys to Baldpate," and that lovely film "Behind that Curtain," which the genial Fox Representative tells us is due for revival at the Majestic; are from the same author who also wrote "The Chinese Parrot." His latest, in which Warner Oland will again play Charlie Chan, "The Black Camel" is soon to be screened at the King's. Few writers in this style know their public better than Earl Biggers.

After seeing "Tarnished Lady" I was not surprised to know that Donald Stuart is a humorist. He showed us that in Tallulah Bankhead's first screen effort. I regret that Paramount thought fit to surround her with a cast said to be chosen from leaders in New York Society, they might have given us actresses and actors. There was not one woman in the audience who could see WHY the beautiful lady

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de Witt Taylor. Clive Brook appeared to be smothered in the production. Tallulah has everything, but puts her in a play where wit and wisdom give her a chance to qualify as London's idol. I felt that everyone felt overcome with the melancholy of the occasion. A film we want to forget, but not a woman we want to forget. She has Fredric March in support in her newest, "My Sin." Let us hope they give her a plot, a cast, something worthy of her. She reminded me greatly of Joan Crawford in voice and acting. (King's).

Genevieve Tobin, when she stops so affected, may bring us something new to the screen in the way of acting. She is quite attractive, at times. "Free Love" was not great, but amusing in spots, and Conrad Nagel worked hard. Ilka Chase should be given better parts. Monroe Owsley had nothing to do. Zazu Pitts gave us all the laughs. (Central).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Red-head Jennette MacDonald is to be borrowed from Fox by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for the coveted rôle of "The Merry Widow." In a silent version there is no one who could better John Gilbert, but somehow I favour Maurice Chevalier as the Prince, with Ernest Lubitsch directing. Talking of Maurice, he has staged a real come-back, in the newly named Waltz-Dream, "The Smiling Lieutenant." Some of the English critics are shocked at certain parts, but Chevalier can handle without any offence situations which other actors would find impossible. Except for "The Love Parade," his Talkies have been a terrible flop, but now, well he can afford to grin again, protrude that lower lip, and lurch like a sailor, for the women are "kerazy" about him again. Paramount talks of putting him in a Musical version of "The Three Musketeers."

The Rod La Roques have returned to Hollywood after a year's absence on the stage touring the country.

Robert Montgomery, in his first starring vehicle "Shipmates." More of them later. They are shortly due at the Queen's.

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Rumour has it that Greta Garbo will definitely retire next year. Over-eating, over-work, and the continual anxiety to please, allied to the fact that Greta's childhood was one of poverty, have all helped to undermine her health. Greta wants to leave the screen while she is still great. A wise woman.

Paul Lukas (pronounced Lukaj) is to do Rudolph Valentino's "Cobra."

Pola Negri is in her cottage at Malibu, waiting while R.K.O. fight

over the right kind of plays for her.

Carole Lombard and William Powell are honeymooning in Honolulu. The film world expected an enormous wedding in the Autumn, but they were married very quietly, only in the presence of intimate friends and families.

Carole Lombard changed her name at the advice of a Numerologist, and an actress who has not had the break as Helen Johnson

has now changed hers to Judith Wood, and in Kay Francis' last picture Miss Wood steals the picture. Perhaps there is something in it!



Nancy Carroll.

Pity to see the divorce of the supposedly devoted couple, with a six year old daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirkland. When Nancy Carroll was a chorus girl she married the young Pressman who did so much to place her as a Star. As soon as the divorce was made absolute, Nancy married Bolton Malory, the Editor of "Life." This is his third marriage.

Compared with the meteor-like success of Rudolph Valentino and Robert Montgomery, a young man, who six months ago was unknown, Clark Gable is now causing a sensation. I was only one amongst thousands who spoke of him as a coming man when I saw him as Jake Luva in "Dance, Fools, Dance." Acting in three pictures at once, Greta Garbo's lead among them, being bounded by reporters, all this sudden success rather worries Mr. Gable, but you just watch this

man, and believe me the beautiful women stars are all keen for his support, Norma Shearer among them.

I was not too smitten with Lillian Bond, the little London girl, in "Stepping Out" but they say she is extra good in William Haines latest—"Just a Gigolo."

Lionel Barrymore, after his great success with Norma Shearer in "Free Soul," has forsaken the megaphone to be starred by M.G.M. in a mystery play.

Jack Oakie's differences with Paramount have been settled and he is at work on "Is That So?"



Lillian Bond.

No question about it, the long romance of Lupe Velez and Garry Cooper is as dead as the Dodo. He has returned from Europe, looking wonderfully well.

Elissa Landi has another winner in "Always Good-Bye."

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NAVAL ARSENAL YARD.

Surrender Payment Approved.

A VALUABLE SITE.

The payment of two million dollars to the Admiralty for the surrender of the Naval Arsenal Yard and Kellett Island was approved at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday. The site of Yard is to be utilised in accordance with the Government town-planning scheme, and it is expected that all the money will be recovered by the sale of building lots.

The removal of the Naval Arsenal Yard, said the Colonial Secretary, explaining the vote, ensured the protection of the arsenal itself, on the one hand, and the safety of a thickly populated area on the other.

Text of Proposals.

Moving the resolution, he said:

It will probably be within the knowledge of hon. members that the Praya East Reclamation scheme involves certain town planning operations in the neighbourhood of Arsenal Street. These operations, in their turn, involved the resumption of a corner of the Naval Arsenal Yard, and the re-provisioning of certain naval buildings.

As the Praya East Reclamation progressed, it became evident that valuable buildings would be erected in close proximity to the Naval Arsenal, and the Naval Authorities became concerned for the protection of their Arsenal on the one hand, and the safety of the public on the other, and early in 1928 they suggested that a safety zone 130 feet wide should be left unoccupied on the East of the Arsenal Yard.

This proposal did not commend itself to the local Government and negotiations were set on foot which have culminated in a scheme approved by all the Authorities concerned, with the exception of this Council, whereby in return for a sum of \$2,000,000 the Admiralty will hand over to this Government the whole of the Naval Arsenal Yard and Kellett Island. The sum of \$2,000,000 is required to build Naval magazines elsewhere in the Colony.

The proposal offers considerable advantages to the Colony which will secure the removal of a serious danger from a thickly populated area, and will obtain a very valuable site which will be developed in accordance with the latest town planning scheme. The Colony hopes to recover the whole of the \$2,000,000 from the sale of the valuable sites which will be made available.

I now ask that this Council will set the seal of its approval on the transaction by approving the motion standing in my name.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried.

Other Business.

A by-law made by the Sanitary Board under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on August 4, was adopted.

The Rule dated July 28, 1931, made by the Registrar of Patents under Section II of the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925, was approved.

Two Bills were read for the first

time, one being "An Ordinance to amend the Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888."

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873," was read a second and third time, and passed. The third reading of a Bill to amend the law relating to births and deaths was withdrawn, in view of certain proposed amendments.

LEPROSY IN THE COLONY.

Replies To Questions In Council.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council, yesterday, the Hon. W. E. L. Shenton asked various questions regarding treatment of cases of leprosy in the Colony. The questions, with answers by the Government, were as follows:

1. What is the Government's policy in connection with persons suffering from leprosy in this Colony in respect of persons (a) entitled to British nationality and (b) those not so entitled?

2. Has the Government any facilities for the treatment of leprosy in this Colony and/or outside the Colony?

3. Does the Government pay the cost of transporting lepers out of the Colony?

4. Does the Government pay for or otherwise arrange for the maintenance in leper asylums of such lepers as may be transported out of the Colony?

5. Has the Government any data to show the number of lepers in the Colony in the course of this year?

6. Will the Government inform this Honourable Council to what extent (if any) the powers and directions contained in Ordinance No. 24 of 1910 has been exercised and enforced in the Colony?

Government's Answers.

The Colonial Secretary made the following replies:

1. (a) Non-Chinese are repatriated. British Chinese are treated in hospital or as out-patients according to the state of the disease. (b) Chinese subjects are sent to Canton at Government expense, and are given a small sum of money to enable them to find their way to a leper settlement.

2. There are no special facilities inside the Colony other than those afforded by the general and infectious diseases hospitals. An institution exists at Shek-lung to which cases may be sent on payment.

3. The answer is in the affirmative.

4. Not as a rule. Payment has been made in the case of one Hong Kong Government employee. A grant of \$5,000 to the Shek-lung Leper Asylum was included in the Estimates for 1931 but payment has not been made owing to retrenchment. It is felt that no actual liability rests on this Colony for non-British lepers.

5. There is no definite information. Forty lepers have been sent away by the police during the first six months of the present year.

6. No steps have been taken to enforce the provisions of Ordinance No. 24 of 1910 in the matter of providing Leper asylums or of making regulations under section 13.

LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY.

More Looms Per Weaver.

BREAK DOWN.

London, Yesterday. Joint negotiations between employers and weavers of the Lancashire cotton industry over "more looms per weaver" scheme have broken down on the question of wages.—Reuter.

FORCED DOWN.

Amy's Bad Luck.

Moscow, Yesterday. Miss J. Amy Johnson has been forced down between Arsk and Kazan. Details are at present not available.—Reuter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Braga's Plea For Local Employees.

A meeting of the Finance Committee, held following the Legislative Council, passed votes totalling \$278,410.74. Details have already appeared in these columns.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga expressed himself as curious regarding a vote of \$6,880.74, to provide for the difference between dollar and sterling scale of salaries for the Accountant and Superintendent of the Money Order Office. He wanted to know whether this change of basis had been referred to the Retrenchment Committee.

The Chairman said he thought not, but the officer who put it forward was Mr. Breen, Chairman of that Committee.

"Very Flagrant Case."

Mr. Braga thought it was unfortunate at the present time, when retrenchment was the order of the day, that here there was "a very flagrant case" of a change from economy to greater expenditure on the part of the Council. Another point was that His Excellency in his Budget speech last year, had made it very clear that the Government policy would be to employ a larger number of officers, on a dollar basis.

The present proposal was the reverse of economy, and he did not think it fair that the Colony should bear the extra expenditure, when it had been so efficiently served by men engaged locally, and paid on the dollar salary basis.

Two Old Servants.

The Chairman replied that the whole point was to give Messrs. Reed and Dixon a fair deal in connection with the conversion of salaries. They came under a sterling basis by this change, which was only justice.

Mr. Braga said his objection might not apply in the case of very old and efficient members of the public service like the gentlemen in question, but he urged it as a matter of principle that finance be conducted on a dollar basis, which was the Colony's revenue.

The Chairman said a careful note would be made of Mr. Braga's suggestions. Did Mr. Braga agree to the vote before him?

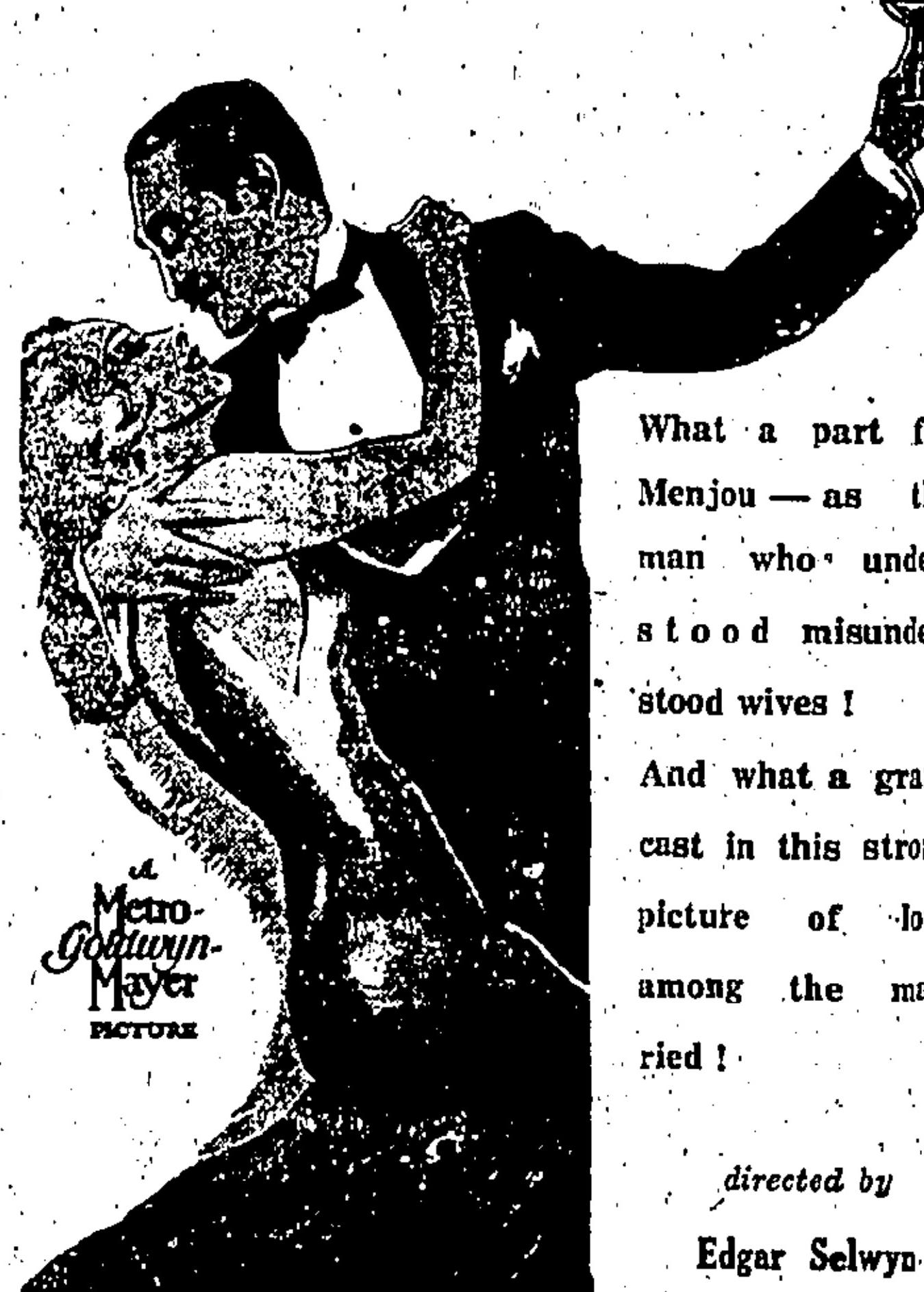
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